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SUBJ: US TARIFF REGULATIONS: DOMINICA

1. POST HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MARTINIQUEAN BUSINESSMAN
SEEKING TO CHANNEL INVESTMENTS INTO DOMINICA FOR
MANUFACTURING PAINT, EYEGLASSES AND WET SUITS (FOR SKIN DIVING). HE
HAS ASKED US WHETHER DOMINICAN PRODUCTS RECEIVE
PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT FROM U.S. AND WHAT TARIFF TREATMENT
WOULD BE FOR THREE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION. THE
PURPOSE OF THIS TELEGRAM IS TO INFORM EMBASSY BARBADOS
OF THIS ENQUIRY AND TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF OUR RESPONSE.

2. CONSULTING THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE U.S.,
ANNOTATED, 1978, WE CAME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
DOMINICA IS DESIGNATED A BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY
UNDER THE U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) AND
IS THUS ELIGIBLE FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN
DESIGNATED ARTICLES. DESIGNATED ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO
THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE U.S. DIRECTLY FROM DOMINICA
RECEIVE DUTY-FREE TREATMENT UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM
SUCH TREATMENT, PROVIDED THAT THE SUM OF 1) THE COST
OR VALUE OF THE MATERIALS PRODUCED IN DOMINICA PLUS 2) THE
DIRECT COSTS OF PROCESSING OPERATIONS PERFORMED IN
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DOMINICA IS NOT LESS THAN THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE
APPRAISED VALUE OF SUCH ARTICLES AT THE TIME OF THEIR
ENTRY INTO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE U.S.

3. TWO OF THE ARTICLES IN QUESTION, PAINTS (TSUS ITEM
#0474.30 A MET) AND EYEGLASSES (TSUS ITEM #708.01) ARE
DESIGNATED ARTICLES AND COULD THUS BE IMPORTED INTO THE

U.S. DUTY-FREE WITH THE PROVISION GIVEN ABOVE. THE
THIRD ARTICLE, WET SUITS, APPEARS TO FALL UNDER THE GENERAL
CATEGORY OF RUBBER AND PLASTIC WEARING APPAREL (TSUS ITEM
#0772.30), WHICH IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT
BUT IS TAXED AT THE RATE OF 12.5 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

4. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED FURTHER WHETHER TAXES PAID TO THE
DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT ARE CONSIDERED AS "DIRECT COSTS OF
PROCESSING OPERATIONS." WE ASSUME THEY ARE NOT AND HAVE
GIVEN THAT QUALIFIED RESPONSE TO THE BUSINESSMAN.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
ROBINSON

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